

lived happy. Had fresh beef, fresh meat, and turkey, prairie chickens. Everything was fresh. And they moved their camps every now and then. Say they'd camp all winter one place and then they'd move to another place. Just so they was in the area. Everything was aired out every day--their bedding, and the river was right there. Believe it or not, my dad used to take my brother and I--I was just a tot about seven years old--he'd take us in the early morning even when the snow--when the ice would be floating. He'd have us go down there and swim in the river. We got used to it. We'd jump in the water there and swim and we'd get hot--our blood flush, you know, slip on our moccasins and run back to the camp. And we'd never catch cold. Early in the morning. And women the same way. Of course they had a different place to swim--men folks would be in one place and women around the bend. And nobody ever catch cold. You never heard of pneumonia or nothing. We'd go and lay flat on our bellies on the ice and suck ice until we suck a hole clear through it--just to do that.
(Was that sort of a game?)

VALUE OF CARTRIDGES IN EARLY DAYS

Sort of a kid's game, yeah. And here's another things I'm going to tell you. When you lived out here there was just only two stores at Darlington where they keep these Winchester cartridges, size 44 and 38's. Or you could get your cartridges at Ft. Reno. Now you had to be supplied with cartridges in order to get your meat out here. Had plenty of flour, coffee, sugar, and lard issued to you every two weeks--from the Agency. But if you're out here--no store--no place you could buy your shells--if you're out of shells, you're out of meat. And when the Indians gambled at this Indian monte, one dollar was equal in value with one cartridge. One cartridge was worth a dollar. They bet it the same--silver dollars and cartridges mixed--in their bets. I know one particular morning some Indian came up to our house. My father was keeping his nephew. He came from Carlisle--Woolworth. He sent him up there to Carlisle. All the chiefs had to show an example to people by sending their boys to school, so the others would sent their boys to school. Well, there